



# SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME

Public Health Guidance for Community-Level Preparedness and Response to Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Version 2

## Supplement I: Infection Control in Healthcare, Home, and Community Settings

### Appendix I2

#### Summary of Recommendations for Expanded Precautions

Category	Elements
Contact Precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Single patient room (preferred)</li><li>• Gloves for all contact with patient and environment of care</li><li>• Isolation gown for all patient contact</li></ul>
Droplet Precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Single patient room (preferred)</li><li>• Surgical mask within 3 feet of patient</li><li>• (<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/ISOLAT/Isolat.htm">www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/ISOLAT/Isolat.htm</a>).</li><li>• Eye protection within 3 feet of patient with SARS – CoV</li></ul>
Airborne Infection Isolation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Private room with monitored negative air pressure relative to surrounding areas and 6-12 air exchanges per hour</li><li>• Appropriate discharge of the air to the outdoors or monitored high-efficiency filtration of room air before recirculation</li><li>• Doors closed except as needed for entry and exit</li><li>• NIOSH-approved respiratory protection (e.g., N-95 respirator) for entry to rooms of patients with infectious pulmonary or laryngeal <i>M. tuberculosis</i>, draining skin lesions with <i>M. tuberculosis</i>, SARS-CoV disease, smallpox, and viral hemorrhagic fevers. (See <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/ncicod/hip/ISOLAT/Isolat.doc">http://www.cdc.gov/ncicod/hip/ISOLAT/Isolat.doc</a> for AII recommendations for other infectious diseases)</li></ul>

For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars) or call the CDC public response hotline at (888) 246-2675 (English), (888) 246-2857 (Español), or (866) 874-2646 (TTY)

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